

DOLLAR GAS TO BE THE WATCHWORD.

Next Campaign Will Make the Reduction Its Chief Issue.

CREDIT TO THE JOURNAL.

Rival Political Parties Dispute the Credit of First Having Joined in the Fight.

COMPANIES MAY CONSOLIDATE

in Order to Maintain Their Tremendous Profits They Are Considering the Advantages of Joining All Forces.

The five-cent reduction of gas, small as it may be, is the result of the Journal's uncompromising demand for dollar gas. Tammany Hall has taken up the cry and dollar gas is to be the watchword of the coming campaign. This is conceded on all sides. The State Democracy is indignant. Their leaders claim that they were the first to join hands with the Journal in the good work. Ex-Sheriff O'Brien, Senator Bixby and other anti-Tammany leaders stand out in evidence that Tammany is trying to steal the victory. This plainly shows the importance of the Journal's cheap gas movement.

It is a singular fact that when the Journal first advocated a reduction the friends of monopoly opposed said that gas could not be manufactured a cent cheaper, and even our alleged reform Mayor, a stockholder in one of the great gas companies, at the famous gas meeting in City Hall presented the stock monopoly arguments neatly and in good, plausible English, but he added that he would favor the proposed Albany scheme to reduce gas 5 cents a year until it should reach a dollar.

The Five-Cent bill signed by Governor Black on Friday would never have become a law but for the masterly arguments hammered into the legislative brain by the Journal's experts, under the lead of Senator Cantor. The Journal showed that money could be made in manufacturing and delivering gas to consumers at 75 cents a thousand. With a price fixed by law at a dollar a thousand, bigger dividends could be made for the companies than is yielded by a majority of gill-edged business enterprises.

The new five-cent reduction law goes into effect immediately with the price of gas in the Borough of Manhattan, beginning at \$1.20, dropping to \$1.15 next year, and five cents annually until a dollar gas is reached. The light is to be not less than twenty-two candle-power.

But the demand for a still further reform is as great as ever. The gas committee of the Board of Aldermen will proceed to take testimony as they are empowered to do, and continue to agitate for municipal ownership. The situation is simply this: The companies refused the Journal's modest demand for dollar gas. They fought it in the Legislature with a powerful lobby and most distinguished and able lawyers that money could retain. But they will find in the long run that it would have been cheaper for them to have dropped gracefully to a dollar and said no more about it.

The great companies complained of financial hardship, and when the reform reports showed profits of from seven to twelve per cent, and this on enormously watered stock. Experts have shown that their real profits, on honest capitalization, reached all the way from fifteen to thirty per cent. It is now declared that they are going to anticipate further reform by making gas dividends while the sun shines for all gas monopolies. The proposition is to consolidate, make their stock interchangeable, reduce expenses by discharging unnecessary employees, and have but one plant, one system and one set of employees to manufacture gas in Brooklyn, where real estate is cheaper, for the two cities. Under the old system gas cost from forty-five to fifty cents a thousand. Under the new plan it can be delivered at thirty cents a thousand. In addition to this, the allied companies will be able to sell their extremely valuable New York real estate and other property, as long as they can manufacture this will put millions into the pockets of the pool.

WILL THERE BE DELAY? Statement that the Government will Not Foreclose on Union Pacific.

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—General Solicitor Holt, of the Union Pacific system, will return within the next few days from New York City, where he has been engaged for a month past in legal matters connected with the foreclosure of the Government's lien on the Union Pacific Railway. Considerable testimony has been taken in regard to the interests involved in the foreclosure before Judge Cornish, special master in chancery for the Union Pacific receivership.

In regard to the time of the actual foreclosure sale there have been all kinds of conjectures. A man who is in a position to judge said:

"In my opinion, the foreclosure of the Union Pacific will not take place this year. It will be some time before the master will give his report on the cases to the courts. Even if these reports were accepted by all parties concerned, and at once confirmed by the Federal courts, it would take a month or more, but it is pretty well understood that there will be protest from the holders of certain claims, and even those who claim that the foreclosure sale of the Union Pacific Railway will not take place at all."

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STABLE A BUGBEAR.

To Belong to New York Hospital, and West Fifteenth Street Property Owners Are Indignant.

Property owners and residents in West Fifteenth street are horrified to learn that a stable is to be planted directly in front of their doors. Former Secretary of State Theodore Tilton is one of the principal objectors, because his house adjoins the proposed site of what he styles a nuisance. Other prominent persons in what used to be a well-residential section echo the wall raised by the former member of the Cabinet.

The New York Hospital is responsible for this outcry, because it has bought the property immediately adjacent to that institution, No. 23 West Fifteenth street. It is a three-story and basement brownstone structure, and stands on a lot 25 feet in width by 100 feet and 3 inches in length. Mrs. Marianna De Peyster, a member of the old Dutch family of that name, is the present occupant of the building, and there she has lived for many years.

"I was induced to sell," she said yesterday, "because business houses are starting near my building and that, of course, is undesirable. The price paid for the premises was, I think, fair, so I concluded to let it go. I do not know what the hospital authorities intend to do with it."

Superintendent Ludlum of the hospital, said that the cost of the building was \$30,000. The sale, he added, was a private one, and he was surprised that the fact had become known. He admitted that it was the intention to erect a stable on the new site.

The reason for this movement is that the superintendent is trying to effect a radical improvement in the hospital ambulance service, so that "hurry" calls can be responded to as quickly as are those of the firemen.

Mr. Frickingsen said yesterday: "Naturally, I feel indignant over the project of this stable being put up, but I have not decided upon what line of action I shall take."

PEPPER ADVISES FORCE.

Ex-Senator Tells Topeka People to Destroy the Open Saloon.

Topeka, Kan., May 8.—The people of Topeka have declared war upon the unlawful saloon. A week ago a handsomely appointed saloon was opened in the principal street of the city. This sufficed to provoke a mass meeting at Hamilton Hall last night, which was attended by 6,000 people.

Ex-Senator William A. Pepper and A. L. Williams, general attorney for the Union Pacific, made speeches in which they advised the people to take the law into their own hands and destroy the open saloon by force if necessary. When the assemblage had been worked up to a state of more or less excitement, a notorious negro joint keeper tried to reply to one of the speakers. The secretary of the meeting took the negro by the throat and thrust him from the stage, when another man grabbed him and threw him out of the hall.

The meeting, after listening to several fiery speeches, adopted resolutions calling upon Governor Leedy to remove the Topeka Police Commissioners and demanding that the city and county officers prosecute violators of the law.

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